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Cc: Myers, Craig[Myers.Craig@epa.gov]
From: Merritt, Steven
Sent: Wed 9/30/2015 10:56:37 PM
Subject: Re: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

We can have one satellite phone shipped out that way tomorrow. I'm very curious to know where the existing ones that went down there already are?

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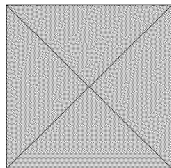
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Sent from my iPhone...

On Sep 30, 2015, at 4:54 PM, Ostrander, David <Ostrander.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Are one of you available to help with getting a handheld secured and sent down?

From: Snyder, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:53 PM
To: R8 RRC

Cc: Eoc, Epahq; Barry, Michael; Way, Steven; Ostrander, David
Subject: RE: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

I will try to get a hold of them tonight to see what (if any) progress they are making with diagnosing what is wrong.

In the meantime, I would like to request we get the wheels in motion to figure out where a backup handheld can be sourced from and get it prepped to send to us if need be.

From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:42 PM
To: Snyder, Robert; R8 RRC
Cc: Eoc, Epahq
Subject: RE: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

Robert, we need to get at least a hand held unit up there. If you can talk to the OSC tonight when they are in town and find out what options they have for fixing the unit or other actions. We can request a backup unit from R9 or R10 or R6 if needed, which could maybe be there in a couple of days.

Please convey to the site team the need to maintain communications. It will not be acceptable to go dark.

Thanks (I will call Steve W tonight as well)

From: Snyder, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:38 PM
To: R8 RRC
Cc: Ostrander, David; Eoc, Epahq
Subject: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

We at the ICP here in Durango just received a call from the OSC at the Gold King Mine site. The satellite link on the R8 MCP is down and cannot be reestablished. The truck can see the satellite, but cannot establish its link.

Please advise as to next steps.

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